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Over \$3 Million Secured for Historical Landmarks in Los Angeles: Assembly Member de León, Mayor Villaraigosa and Council President Garcetti Collaborate to Secure Funding for East Hollywood and Echo Park

LOS ANGELES—With the strong support of Assistant Majority Leader Kevin de León (D-Los Angeles), two significant landmarks in Los Angeles—the Hollyhock House and the Echo Park Boathouse—received over three million dollars in funding for project restoration from the California Cultural and Historical Endowment (CCHE) Fund.

The Hollyhock House, designed in the 1920's by the internationally acclaimed architect Frank Lloyd Wright and a newly declared National Historical Landmark, is the crowning jewel of the Barnsdall Art Park in East Hollywood. With a \$1.93 million dollar grant from the CCHE, the grant recipient, Project Restore, will complete the restoration of the Hollyhock House and transform it into a museum and quality gallery and design space. Once fully restored and functioning, the facility will be a major architectural destination for all Californians to enjoy.

"With the 1994 Northridge earthquake, we almost lost one of our most significant historical sites, located here at home, within the 45th Assembly District," said Assistant Majority Leader De León. Now, with these funds, we will restore the Hollyhock House so that all Californians can once again enjoy this incredible landmark."

The Echo Park Boathouse, also located within the 45th Assembly District, received a \$1.45 million dollar grant for its Rehabilitation Phase II project. Many efforts were made by community and the City of Los Angeles's Mayor Villaraigosa and Department of Recreation and Parks, as well as local elected officials, including City Council President Eric Garcetti of Los Angeles District 13, to relight and restore the boathouse to its full beauty of the 1930s.

"This grant will give the boathouse a proper restoration," said City Council President Eric Garcetti. "The community looks forward to seeing its beacon once again light the waters of Echo Park Lake. Assembly Member de León's efforts on this and on the Hollyhock House will invigorate our local heritage."

Opened in 1932, the historic Spanish-style Boathouse was designed with a Spanish motif with red-tile roof, arched doorways and a lighthouse with a working beacon.

"On behalf of all Los Angelinos, I thank the State for its support of these truly meaningful and valuable local historic resources," said Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa.

Both projects are currently underway and will be open for viewing soon.

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